

# The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## February 3 & 4, 2024

### **St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish**

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### **Mass Schedule & Intentions for February 5-11, 2024**

<b>05/05/24</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
05/06/24	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Mary Ann Bornheimer
<b>05/07/24</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
05/08/24	Thursday	8:00 AM † Tom Venner
05/09/24	Friday	8:00 AM † Robert & Marie Geier
05/10/24	Satu4:00 PM	8:00 AM † Deceased Family Members of J & P Cina Family
05/11/24	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

### **Ministry Volunteers**

#### **Lectors**

Sat. Feb. 10: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti  
Sun. Feb. 11: 9:30 AM: Kelly Hutchison

#### **Servers**

Sat. Feb. 10: 4:00 PM: Kanoa, Nalani & Keilana  
Rodgers  
Sun. Feb. 11: 9:30 AM: Felicity, Abigail & William  
Mitchell

#### **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**

Sun. Feb. 11: 9:30 AM: Dorothy Stokke

*If you would like to participate as Lector, Server, or  
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion please  
call Tom Jeffers at (608) 689-2683*

#### **Gift Bearers**

Please sign up your family on the sign-up sheet in  
the back of church or contact Kelly Hutchinson.

#### **Rosary Leaders/Volunteer**

Sat. Feb. 10: 4:00 PM: Volunteer  
Sun. Feb. 11: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

#### **Sacrificial Giving Tabulation**

Mon. Feb. 05: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn  
Umberger  
Mon. Feb. 12: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom  
Naegle

#### **Ushers (February 2024)**

Saturday: John Nicklay & Tim Woodhouse  
Sunday: Conrad Kirby & Tom Urbanek

### **Sacraments and Prayer**

#### **Church Hours**

The church is open every day from 7 AM - 7 PM.

#### **Confession**

Saturdays: 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM  
Sundays: 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: After the 8 AM Mass  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Baptism:** Contact parish at least 2 months prior:  
608-689-2642

**Marriage** Contact parish at least 6 months prior to  
the wedding to schedule a date and preparation  
meetings with the parish priest.

#### **Anointing of the Sick and Homebound**

Inform the parish office at (608) 689-2642 if  
someone is seriously ill and needs the Sacrament  
of the Anointing of the Sick.

**Prayer Requests:** Call 608-689-2642 - requests  
will be passed to Father Sedlacek & the prayer  
chain.

#### **Sacrificial Giving:** January 27 & 28, 2024

<b>Estimated Weekly Need</b>	<b>\$7,032.69</b>
Adult Envelopes	\$1,112.00
Plate Offering	\$ 212.00
Catholic Times	\$ 40.00
In Memory (Evie)	\$ 50.00
Votive Lights	\$ 10.55
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,424.55</b>

## From the Pastor's Desk Our Parish's Lenten Mission

Peace to you! One great way to describe any parish's mission is four words: "Be disciples, make disciples." It is one way to describe *the* mission that Jesus gave to His disciples, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..." Remember that "mission" means "a sending out." Jesus sends us out to do something. But before He gave His disciples their mission, He accomplished His own mission.

Lent is coming in only 1 ½ weeks. Lent is the time to reflect on Jesus' mission to rescue us from sin, death, and Satan. He came to reconcile us to God, and to save us from our sins (that which separates us from God). He accomplished this by His life, suffering (passion), death, and resurrection, which is what we celebrate on Easter. In order to help us reflect upon Jesus' mission and for us to enter more deeply into our mission to be disciples (students) of Jesus and to lead others to be His students, our parish is hosting a Parish Mission.

Please save the date and make plans to attend! We will have three top-notch speakers who will lead us in our efforts to grow as disciples of Jesus and to understand better how the Holy Eucharist and Mass fits into our following of Jesus. The Parish Mission will be three Sundays in a row and will run from 10:40 am – about 1 pm. It will include a talk, time for prayer, and fellowship. These are great events to also invite your friends to attend.

### **Ask the Pastor**

We are back with a couple good questions! I will answer one this week and another next week.

Question 1: "Father, when did we people stop folding our hands in prayer? Was there a reason?"

Answer: This is an interesting question and I hope I can answer it. I guess I don't really pay attention to what people are doing with their hands when they are praying, whether at Mass or otherwise. I am usually focused on God and on what I am doing at Mass. In general, there is no mandated way to have our hands when we pray. We can pray always, even while our hands are at work. However, I will answer that if people are not folding their hands while they are praying, I would recommend doing it for a couple of reasons. 1) We are bodily beings. What we do with our bodies does truly impact our souls. How we comport ourselves helps to form our attitudes. If we act casual around certain people, we will treat them and others casually. If we act formal around people, we will be more formal to everyone. 2) We are also creatures of habit. Teaching others to fold their hands when they pray helps to, in the future, keep our attention on the task of prayer. It is so easy to get distracted. If people do not fold their hands in prayer, I don't know the exact reason, but if I were to speculate a couple reasons could be that they were not taught how to or that they were taught, but fell out of the habit. In any case, the important thing is to focus our hearts and minds on God when we pray.

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Sedlacek

## St. Charles Parish News

### St. Charles Parish Mission – Lent 2024

All are welcome to attend our St. Charles mission! A parish mission helps to foster spiritual renewal and growth for the members of our parish (non-parishioners are very welcome!). The parish mission will take place over the course of 3 Sundays after the 9:30 AM Mass, and will include inspiring talks, time for prayer, opportunities to go to Confession, and fellowship. Here is a tentative schedule of the Parish Mission.

Sun., February 18 – *Finding God in Everything* by Chris Rogers, Director of Family Life for the Diocese of La Crosse

Sun., February 25 – *Putting First Things First: The Keys to Enkindling Deep Devotion to the Eucharist* by Chris Carstens, Director of Sacred Worship for the Diocese of La Crosse

Sun., March 3 – *Finding Jesus in the Eucharist* by Pat Brueggen, National Coordinator for the Real Presence Apostolate

### Ash Wednesday – Feb. 14

Please note that Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> this year. Mass times at St. Charles will be 8:15 AM and 7:00 PM that day.

Ash Wednesday is one of two days when Catholics are required to fast (Good Friday is the 2<sup>nd</sup> day). This means eating only one meal that day. You can have two small "snacks" that together don't equal a 2<sup>nd</sup> meal. Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from eating meat.

### **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection, which is used to combat poverty in the United States, takes place this weekend. Envelopes are in the back of church for those who would like to contribute. Return donations via the collection basket.

### **2023 Contribution Statements**

Please take a moment to retrieve your 2023 Contribution Statement in the vestibule. They are organized alphabetically by last name. It will help us save on postage. Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

### **Snow Shovellers NEEDED**

We need some men of the parish to help with snow removal at St. Charles this winter. Contact Fr. Sedlacek for more info. Thank you!

### **Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign – Return Donations by Feb. 25**

The annual fundraiser for Birthright of La Crosse is here. Birthright is an international volunteer organization with a La Crosse chapter since 1976. Birthright is available to those with an unintended pregnancy to provide information, a listening space, and love, along with referrals and emotional and spiritual support when needed. The bottles/envelopes will be available to take home Sat., January 20, 2024 and Sunday January 21. Please return all donations to St. Charles by Sunday, February 25. Thank you and know your support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be.

### **Frances Garden Cemetery Memorial for our Parish Children**

St. Charles installed the Frances Garden section for babies and children in our cemetery 5 years ago. There is a memorial stone for all our parish children who were called from this life at a young age. If you or someone you know who may want to add a name to the memorial stone this year, please contact Fr. Sedlacek or Beth Mitchell [happymitchell04@gmail.com](mailto:happymitchell04@gmail.com). There are also burial spaces for infants, including those lost to miscarriage and stillbirth. We plan to have a memorial/prayer service on Sunday, July 7th.

### **On Formed! The Catholic Parent**

As a parent, do you feel like it's almost impossible to raise holy kids who love God (and sit still in Mass!) in our modern world? You are not alone! "The Catholic Parent" is a six-episode series on Formed.org features real Catholic families sharing their daily struggles and victories. Created by the Augustine Institute and Catholic Sprouts, *The Catholic Parent* encourages moms and dads as you embrace your God-given role to form your families in the Catholic faith. Watch today!

### **Sign up for FORMED**

Formed is sort of like a Catholic Netflix. We have purchased a subscription for our entire parish! Every parishioner of St. Charles can sign up to access quality content to support your faith: video, audiobooks, e-books, movies, kid shows, and more!

**Signing up for FORMED is quick and easy.** Just follow the simple instructions below.

1. Go to [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup)
2. Search for our parish by Zip Code (54632). Click on our parish "St. Charles Borromeo".
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED!

## **St. Charles School News**

### **Save the Dates!**

PTO Meeting: Tuesday Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the school gym.

Fish Fries during Lent. More details coming soon!

Spring Carnival: Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at the school. Volunteers are needed for that day and for set up.

### **2024-2025 Aquinas Catholic Schools Enrollment**

Enrollment for Cathedral Elementary School, St. Patrick Elementary School, Blessed Sacrament Elementary School, Aquinas Middle School, and Aquinas High School opened on January 22 for New Families.

### **SCRIP Gift Cards**

Earn money back for St. Charles Parish by purchasing gift cards. If you missed the deadline for ordering

physical gift cards, you can still purchase cards on the RaiseRight app. Contact Megan Olson with questions: [Mjtrussoni@gmail.com](mailto:Mjtrussoni@gmail.com) or 608-385-7815.

## **Other News from the Diocese and our Community**

### **Youth Guild Event at the Shrine – Feb 10**

Join the celebration of the feast of St. José Sánchez del Río, February 10th, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in La Crosse, WI. Children and families are especially invited! The day include talks, veneration of many young saints' relics, opportunities to ask questions, and more. [GuadalupeShrine.org/events](http://GuadalupeShrine.org/events)

### **Heritage Bake Sale – Feb 10**

Location: Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall - 130 Losey Blvd S, La Crosse WI 54601  
Date: Saturday, February 10th, 9am - Noon  
Blessed Sacrament Parish Women's Club Heritage Bake Sale, held in the parish hall. Featuring Polish Pierogis, Norwegian Lefse, Bohemian Kolotchkys, St Wenceslaus' Hot Lunch Fudge Bars, and other ethnic sweets! Plus, a live Lefse demonstration!

### **Retrouvaille – Feb 16-18**

Marriage in Distress? No matter how hopeless it seems, forgiveness and trust are possible. Retrouvaille is a Catholic-based program that helps couples through difficult times in their marriages, some even after separation or divorce. It is not counseling or group therapy. The next program begins with a weekend on February 16-18, 2024 in the Wausau area. Call 1-877-922-HOPE (4673). Fully Confidential. More at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)  
*No couple is turned away for lack of finances.*

### **St. Patrick Catholic Church Lenten Friday Fish Fry, Onalaska, WI**

St. Patrick's School Gymnasium. Corner of 11th and Main St., Onalaska, WI. Serving 5 to 7:30 pm on February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22  
\$15 3-piece Fish Dinner, \$12 2-piece Fish Dinner  
\$9 1-piece fish or grilled cheese dinner. FREE Grilled Cheese dinner to children age 5 and under. Dine-in meals include: Baked or batter-fried Cod, Baked potato or fries, Salad bar, Dinner roll, Coffee or milk. (Beer, wine, soda, and desserts are available for an additional cost.) Carryout Available: Priced as above - coleslaw instead of salad bar.

### **Fish Fry at MMOC Parish – Feb 16**

2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, Friday, February 16, from 4:00 - 7:00 PM, dine-in or carry-out. The price is

\$12 for 2-piece and \$14 for 3-piece dinner and includes baked or batter fried fish, baked potato or fries, coleslaw and roll. \$5 kids meal includes grilled cheese, fries, fruit and milk. Beer, wine and desserts available at dine-in for additional cost.

### **“the Answer” Eucharistic Rally - June 7**

Discover and embrace the gift of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Your whole life, you have been looking for the answer to the meaning of life, your purpose, your dreams, and your difficulties. We have been given the answer to all of it. “the Answer” Eucharistic Rally will be held on June 7, 2024 at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, WI. This event kicks off the first day that the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be in the Diocese of La Crosse. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, powerful speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilibagiza, and Josh Rosa, music from Luke Spehar, and plenty of vendors. The cost for this event is only \$15 per person. This rally is for middle and high school youth, young adults, adults, families, etc. Tickets are now on sale! You can find more information about the event by visiting <https://diolc.org/the-answer>. St. Charles Parish is hoping to bring many parishioners, so please let Fr. Sedlacek know if you are interested.

### **Post-Abortion Healing Ministry**

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or email [projectrachel@diolc.org](mailto:projectrachel@diolc.org).

### **“Hope’s Door” Pregnancy and Family Resource Center**

Hope’s Door is being planned as a state-of-the-art pregnancy resource center for the La Crosse area. It will be an interfaith, Christ-centered facility that will offer compassionate assistance to women and families, including mentoring and classes, as well as medical resources like ultrasounds and abortion pill reversal treatment. Its services will be in harmony with Catholic teaching. Bishop Callahan is encouraging the faithful to offer their prayers and financial support to Hope’s Door. To see a flyer and brochure, visit [www.diolc.org/respect-life](http://www.diolc.org/respect-life)

## **Parish Events Calendar**

Wed. Feb. 07: High School and Middle School Religious Education 6:30-8:00 PM

Thur. Feb. 08: Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions 6:00-7:00 PM. Women’s Group meeting 6:30 PM

Wed. Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday. Mass times: 8:15 AM and 7:00 PM.

Sun. Feb. 18: Day 1 of St. Charles Parish Mission. 10:30 AM – 1 PM. Continues Sundays Feb, 25 & March 3